(b) and (c) A list of their demands is given in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below). Talks were held with the Union representatives as also conciliation proceedings held by Chief Labour Commissioner. The Union was advised to call off the unjustified agitation which is causing dislocation of services to the public.

Statement

List of Demands

(i) Revision of pay scales of Technicians to Rs. 1400—2300;

(ii) Revision of pay scales of technical supervisors to Rs. 1640—2900;

(iii) One time bound promotion by counting the entire service period as Technicians;

(iv) For giving effect to the revised pay scale from 1-1-1986;

(v) Existing Technicians/Technical supervisors may be upgraded without any qualifying test and fitment training;

(vi) The newly restructured cadre of Technicians to be designated as Junior Enginer instead of Telecom. Assistant and higher grade Junior Engineer instead of Senior Telecom. Assistant;

(vii) 50 per cent vacancies be reserved for promotion to the J.T.O. grade;

(viii) "Diploma in Engineering" should be prescribed as the minimum qualification for direct entry for the post of Telecom. Assistant; and

(ix) The pay of upgraded Technicians be fixed as per existing rules of the D.O.T.

Decontrol on the Price of Bulk Vitamins

1417. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3272 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that following the decontrol on the prices of bulk vitamins their prices have risen upto 70 per cent;

(b) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee did not recommend price decontrol on the bulk drug vitamins and this decontrol was done in the Ministry at the behest of drug companies contrary to the exclusion criterias given by the Kelkar Committee;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the sales turn over of each bulk drug vitamins runs into many crores.

(d) whether it is also a fact that steep increase in prices of bulk drug vitamins and increase in MAPE on the formulations have led to an increase of 60 per cent in the prices of Becolsules. Surbex-T, Bivinol, Phosphomin and others; and

(e) if so, what was the mark up allowed under DPCO, 1979 and what is the present mark up on these vitamins?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The extent of increase in the price of vitamin bulk drugs varies from case to case.

(b) The Kelkar Committee recommended that all vitamins when used in combinations would come under category II of price control and that if used singly would not be price controlled. Keeping these recommendations in view, bulk vitamins were kept out of price control. However, vitamin A and C are being brought under Price Control.

(c) Sales turn over of bulk drugs is not monitored.

(d) Prices of vitamin formulations have gone up with percentage of increase varying from case to case.

(e) MAPE up to 100 per cent allowed while fixing prices of such formulations under DPCO, 1987 against the mark up of 60 per cent allowed under DPCO, 1979.

Supplementary Report of the Kelkar Committee

1418. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3724 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee has submitted its supplementary report to the Government;

(b) if so, when was the report submitted and what are the main contents of the Report;

(c) what were the total number of communications received from consumer, Medical Associations and Members of Parliament by Kelkar Committee;

(d) what are the details of issues raised these communications;

(e) what are the details of recommendations made on each of these issues; and

(f) by when Government would take decision on the Report and by when the Report would be laid on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (f) A large number of representations were received against the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee, which were forwarded to the committee. The supplementary report recently submitted by the committee is under examination.

Price Decontrol on Drug

1419. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3736 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the landed cost of imported Zinc Bacitracin, Polymixin-B-Sulphate, Flucinolone Acetonide and Triprolidine Hcl was more than Rs. 50 lakhs during the year 1985-86 and 1986-87 based on the information provided;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a monopoly production of formulations based on these drugs;

(c) if so, on what basis Kelkar Committee recommended these drugs for price decontrol;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Kelkar Committee did not use any data;

(e) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry did not cross check the facts; and

(f) if so, what steps have been taken to remove these anomalies and what are the details of revised recommendations of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (f) A large number of representations were received against the recommendations of Kelkar Committee, which were forwarded to the Committee. The supplementary report recently submitted by the Committee is under examination.

Commission on Sale of Baralgon Pheniramine Glybenclamide and Fursemide

1420 SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3631 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that none of four bulk drugs i.e. Baralgon Pheniramine, Glybenclamide Fursemide have been sold